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SUBJECT: SOVIET REFUGEES OGANESYAN AND AKOPYAN

REF: FRANKFURT 1628

1. RADIO LIBERTY HAS RECEIVED SECURITY CLEARANCE FROM ITS NEW YORK OFFICE ON OGANESYAN AND AKOPYAN. WE AND RL ASSUME CLEARANCE IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES FOR RL SECURITY CHECKS, WHICH INCLUDE PROCESSING THROUGH SY IN DEPARTMENT. RL, CONSEQUENTLY, IS PREPARING BRING PAIR INTO STATION AS CONSULTANTS, PENDING COMPLETION OF THEIR INS PROCESSING AND DEPARTURE FOR US, AND HAS SO INFORMED TOLSTOY FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVE.

2. IN VIEW CLEARANCE, AND SINCE REFTEL MAKES CLEAR THAT END OF REFUGEES' PROCESSING IS NOT IN SIGHT, WE HAVE NOT FELT JUSTIFIED IN ASKING RL TO HOLD OFF ANY LONGER. PAIR DEFECTED BEFORE CHRISTMAS, AND RL UNDERSTANDABLY BELIEVES IT CAN NO LONGER LEAVE THEM DANGLING. BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE GERMAN SENSITIVITIES, HOWEVER, WE DID REQUEST THAT RL NOT HAVE THEM GO ON THE AIR FOR TIME BEING, AND RL
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AGREED.

3. RL UNDERSTANDS DESIRABILITY OF HAVING REFUGEES SURFACE
IN US RATHER THAN HERE, AND IT DOES NOT WISH TO IMPEDE
THEIR DEPARTURE FOR US, BEING PREPARED TO PAY EXTRA EXPENSE
INVOLVED SHOULD IT THEN WISH TO BRING THEM BACK HERE AS
STAFFERS. IT ALSO, HOWEVER, DOES NOT WISH THEM TO GO SOUR
WHILE HANGING IN VISA- PROCESSING LIMBO. HANLEY

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